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Department of Regional Planning

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SUBJECT: PROJECT NO. R2015-03286
CASE NO. RADVT201500011/RENV T201500237
EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON PARK MASTER PLAN
December 9, 2015 – AGENDA ITEM #8

At the public hearing for Item #8, staff from the Department of Parks and Recreation will present the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Master Plan and the Final EIR for the project. Attached to this supplemental memo is a draft resolution and draft site plan for your review.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kathline King, Chief of Planning at the Department of Parks and Recreation, at (213) 351-5098 or kking@parks.lacounty.gov.

Attachments:

Draft Resolution
Draft Master Plan/Site Plan

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PROJECT NO. R2015-03286
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EARVIN “MAGIC” JOHNSON PARK MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a public hearing on the matter of the proposed Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park Master Plan and the Final Environmental Impact Report, on December 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) is authorized to prepare the Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park Master Plan, pursuant to the State Law (commencing with §65450 of the California Government Code); and

WHEREAS, planning applications include a request to approve the Master Plan and certify the Final Environmental Impact Report; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared and published in September 2015, which was subject to a 55-day public review period from September 2, 2015 through October 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County received and evaluated numerous comments from public agencies, organizations, special interest groups and persons who reviewed the DEIR and has prepared responses to comments received during the 55-day public review period; and

WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was prepared and published on December 2nd, 2015. The FEIR consists of an edited Draft Environmental Impact Report, Response to Comments, and appendices containing technical background studies. The Response to Comments document contains all written and verbal comments and recommendations received on the DEIR, either verbatim or in summary, and an inventory of agencies, organizations, special interest groups and persons commenting on the DEIR; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared to outline the procedures for implementing all mitigation measures identified in the FEIR. The MMRP is provided in the attachments; and

WHEREAS, the County desires and intends to use the FEIR for the Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park Master Plan as the environmental document required by CEQA for each phase of discretionary action required for this Project by the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park Master Plan maintains the consistency between the General Plan Land Use Policy Map and the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. The Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Master Plan replaces the 1978 Willowbrook State Recreation Area General Plan;
2. Three community workshops were held in 2014 to present the Master Plan and receive feedback from the public on the Master Plan's findings and recommendations. Approximately 50 people attended the June 14th workshop, 120 people attended the August 23rd workshop, and 93 people attended the November 1st workshop. In addition, flyers were mailed to residents within a 1,000-foot radius of the project site.
3. A Notice of Preparation was distributed on October 13, 2014, to the Office of Planning and Research and responsible State agencies, in addition to public agencies and organizations and individuals with a possible interest in the Master Plan. A total of 72 written comment letters were received from various agencies, organizations, and individuals.
4. A Notice of Availability (Notice) of the Draft EIR was issued on September 2, 2015 and was mailed to approximately 2,500 addresses. The Notice was posted at the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk, pursuant to Section 21092.3 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Copies of the Draft EIR for public review were located at the Department of Parks and Recreation, 510 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020; South Agency Headquarters, 360 West El Segundo Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90061, and the following three locations: County of Los Angeles Public Library - Willowbrook Branch, 11838 Wilmington Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059; Athens County Park, 12603 Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90059; Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Public Health, 11833 South Wilmington Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059. The Notice also contained the availability of the document online with the link to the Department website.
5. A Draft EIR Public Meeting was held on September 12, 2015 at the Athens Park Gymnasium to seek input from the public regarding environmental issues that may result from the proposed Project. Approximately 57 people attended the meeting and 20 written comments were submitted.
6. A total of 751 comment letters were received, including seven from the following public agencies: City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, County Fire Department, County Public Works Department, Regional Water Quality

Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and the State Clearinghouse. The following two organizations submitted comments: Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee and Los Angeles Equestrian Center. A total of 743 residents submitted comments as well. All comments received and responses to those comments are included in the FEIR.

7. A notice of public hearing and availability of the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Master Plan was mailed on November 6, 2015. The notice was prepared and distributed pursuant to Section 22.60.174 of the County Zoning Ordinance. Notices were mailed to more than 2,900 stakeholder individuals and organizations. Furthermore, the Plan was made available on the Department web site, at the Department offices and South Agency Headquarters, the Willowbrook Library, Athens County Park, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Public Health. The notice was also published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on November 6, 2015.
8. The FEIR contains a summary of the potential environmental effects of the proposed project, the recommended mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid those effects, and the level of significance after mitigation. Implementation of the Mitigation Measures, as detailed in each environmental analysis section presented in the EIR, would reduce most of the potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. However, even with implementation of the Mitigation Measures, the Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts for the following issues: noise and recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. That the Board certify the FEIR and find that it has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State and County guidelines related thereto and reflects the independent judgment of the Board;
2. That the Board consider, approve and certify the information contained in the FEIR prior to approving the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Master Plan;

3. That the Board determine that where significant adverse environmental effects of the Project, as described in the FEIR, have not been reduced to a level of less than significant, the Project benefits, such as, specific social, economic, legal, technological or other considerations outweigh the environmental effects. of the project as stated in the attached CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project, which findings and statement are incorporated herein by reference;
4. That the Board consider, approve and certify the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project, included in the FEIR and as modified to County format and implementation procedures, and pursuant to Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code, find that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as modified by the County is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation;
5. That the Board determine that the recommended master plan serves public health, safety and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice and is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission in the County of Los Angeles on December 9, 2015.

By _____
Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
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Deputy County Counsel

